

who obeyed the summons, and was closeted with His Excellency for a short time, when he returned to the House, and either sent or escorted Mr. Wood into the Governor's office, where he, (Wood) stayed a short time, and when he returned to the House it was to do as he had previously been doing, that is, to oppose the compromise and vote for the Storey substitute.

The above is not true. I was to see the Governor on the day named on business. The Governor did not ask me to send Hon. Mr. Wood to him, nor did I send or escort him to the Governor's office. If such a visit was made, (and Mr. Wood says it was not) I knew nothing of it.

I make this statement in justice to the Governor, because I see that other papers have copied the *Age* dispatch, and some of them have charged him with attempting to influence the action of members of the Legislature.

I am satisfied, from the general course of the *Age*, and the fairness and accuracy of its reports, that the dispatch was based upon some idle rumor perhaps, which the correspondent neglected to investigate.

On motion of Senator Bradley, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.

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## FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, )  
AUSTIN, March 8th, 1875. )

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Keep, recently of Memphis, Tenn. Journal of Saturday read and adopted.

Senator Flanagan, Chairman Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, submitted the following report :

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of Hood and Bosque counties, "asking the Legislature to create the county of Biloxi," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

FLANAGAN, Chairman.

The title of the bill referred to is: "An act to create the county of Somerville."

Senator Friend, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 769, "An act for the relief of H. C. Hunt and George W. Whitmore;" Senate bill No. 787, "An act to authorize the county of Gonzales to build a bridge across Peach creek;" Senate bill No. 785, "An act to provide for the disbursement of certain funds in the hands of the sheriff of Houston county;" Senate bill No. 698, "An act to incorporate the Hockley and Montgomery Railway Company," and find all of same correctly engrossed.

FRIEND, for Committee.

Senator Joseph introduced a bill entitled "An act to regulate testimony in suits for divorce." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Joseph introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to organize and define the powers of the Criminal District Court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof.'" Read first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Wood introduced a bill entitled "An act to validate the appointment and acts of certain school directors of Robertson county, and continue them in effect." Read first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Wood introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to provide for the salary and fees of District Attorneys,'" approved August 11, 1870. Read first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Wood introduced a bill entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the claim of the late Thomas Toby, deceased, against the late Republic of Texas, for advances made to said late Republic, during the years 1836, 1837 and 1838." Read first time and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Senator Morris introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend the second section of 'an act to reorganize the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts,'" approved April 17, 1874. Read first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Westfall introduced a joint resolution, "Making an appropriation for the support of a medical college and hospital, at Galveston." Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Swift offered the the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the appointee in charge of the Capitol and grounds be and is hereby instructed to contract for the painting of a portrait of General Thomas J. Rusk, of the same size as the one of General Sam Houston, now in the Senate Chamber, at a price not exceeding \$——, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate ; and that the Committee on Contingent Expenses are authorized to approve the account for said portrait, when the same has been delivered to the person in charge of the Capitol." Read and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Baker introduced a bill entitled "An act to authorize the destruction of certain bonds of the State of Texas, in the Treasury office." Read first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Shepard introduced a bill entitled "An act supplemental to 'an act to authorize the several counties of this State to raise means to pay their present indebtedness,'" approved May 1, 1874. Read first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Senator Dillard introduced a bill entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in the district courts of the State." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Ireland on the part of Senate select committee, on the veto message of His Excellency, on Senate bill No. 463, "An act to limit the amount to be issued in bonds of the State to the International Railroad Company, and to adjust all matters of difference between the State and said Company," submitted the following report :

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

The select committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 463, entitled, "An act to limit the amount in bonds to be issued to the International Railroad Company and to provide for payment of same, and to adjust the difference between the Company and the State," together with the veto message of the Governor, herewith report a substitute for said bill and unanimously recommend its passage. The committee have not been unmindful of the differences existing among members on this subject, and it met in a spirit of

compromise and concession, and it is earnestly hoped that this substitute will meet the approval of the two Houses and make a finality of this troublesome question.

JNO. IRELAND,  
J. L. CAMP,  
W. D. WOOD,  
G. B. ERATH,  
WEBB FLANAGAN,  
T. M. JOSEPH,  
W. H. WESTFALL.

The title of the substitute referred to, is: "An Act for the relief of the International Railroad Company, now consolidated with the 'Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company,' under the name of 'the International and Great Northern Railroad Company.'" Read first time.

On motion of Senator Ireland, the rules were suspended, and bill read second time.

Senator Russell offered the following amendment:

Amend, by adding the words, "*provided*, that, the western terminus of said road be fixed within one mile of the courthouse, of the city of Laredo, on the Rio Grande river." Adopted.

A message from the House announced the passage of the following House bills, to-wit:

House bill No. 781, "An act to prohibit the sale and disposal of intoxicating liquors within four miles of White's mill and schoolhouse, in Hill county, and Concord schoolhouse, in Anderson county."

House bill No. 794, "An act to amend articles 452 and 454 of the act to regulate proceedings in the District Court."

House bill No. 777, "An act to require the several district clerks in the State of Texas to forward to the Secretary of State certain books."

House bill No. 756, "An act for the relief of Captain Peter Tomlinson."

House bill No. 638, "An act to further regulate proceedings in the Supreme Court."

House bill No. 668, "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to punish unlawful interference with private property or private rights.'" passed May 28th, 1864.

House bill No. 692, "An act to amend the Penal Code."

House bill No. 839, "An act to repeal 'an act to re-incorporate the city of Corpus Christi ;' approved May 22d,

1873, and all other acts or laws relating to the incorporation and franchises of said city."

House bill No. 338, "An act to amend article 695 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

House bill No. 797, "An act supplemental to and amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the St. Louis and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, and to grant lands to aid in the construction of the same.'"

House bill No. 807, "An act to validate corporation election for the town of Elgin, in Bastrop county."

House bill No. 795, "An act creating the office of public weigher and regulating the appointment, and defining the duties and liabilities thereof."

House joint resolution No. 67, "Joint resolution making an appropriation to pay the contingent expenses of the second session of the Fourteenth Legislature."

Also, the following Senate bills, to-wit: Substitute for Senate bill No. 306, with amendment, "An act better defining the powers and duties of sheriffs and constables."

Senate bill No. 467, "An act concerning the location of the courthouse in Marion county," with amendments.

Senate bill No. 582, "An act making an appropriation to pay J. W. Ferris for his services as special judge in the case wherein the International Railroad was plaintiff, and A. Bledsoe, defendant;" with amendments.

Senate Bill No. 738, "An act granting further time to the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company, and allowing it to change the route of said road."

Senate bill No. 697, "An act regulating and providing for the collection of fees by the clerk of the Supreme Court."

Senate bill No. 321, "An act to provide a mode for the sale of the shares in any joint stock or incorporated company under execution;" with amendments.

Senate bill No. 648, "An act to incorporate the Gulf, Austin and Northern Railroad Company, and to grant land to aid in the construction thereof;" with amendments; and Senate joint resolution No. 791, "Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their earnest endeavors to procure the passage of a law or laws, and an appropriation by the Congress of the United States, to give better protection to our Mexican border, to reimburse the State of Texas for expenditures incurred in protecting the line of the Rio Grande river," etc.

And that House concurs in Senate amendments to the following House bills: House bill No. 630, "An act regulating the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

House bill No. 627, "To cause the county courts of the several counties in this State to furnish county surveyors' office with necessary office books."

House bill No. 673, "To prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of certain places named."

House bill No. 748, "To authorize the county of Grayson to issue bonds."

House bill No. 601, "To provide for the re-compilation of an abstract of titled and patented lands in Texas."

Senator Dwyer offered the following amendment:

Add to section — the words, "*Provided*, that should said railroad company fail to build said road to the city of San Antonio, in Bexar county, by the first day of August, 1878, then, and in that event, the exemption provided in this act shall cease, and the road bed, rollingstock, land, and all other property belonging to said road shall be subject to taxation, as other property in the State."

Senator Russell offered the following as a substitute for the amendment offered by Senator Dwyer:

That if said company shall fail to construct forty miles of its road every year, or eighty miles every two years from the 5th day of July, 1875, then the exemption from taxation shall cease, and all the property of said company shall be liable to taxation.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute, it was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Ball, Bradshaw, Bradley, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Morris, Russell, Shepard and Swift—15.

NAYS—Senators Baker, Burton, Camp, Erath, Flanagan, Joseph, Ledbetter, Moore, Randle, Stirman, Westfall and Wood—12.

The question then recurring on the passage of the substitute, as an amendment to the bill, it passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Ball, Bradshaw, Bradley, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Morris, Russell and Shepard—15.

NAYS—Senators Baker, Burton, Camp, Flanagan, Joseph, Ledbetter, Moore, Randle, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—12.

A message was received from the House, announcing that the House had adopted the report of Conference Committee, on Senate joint resolution No. 447, "Condemning the interference with and destruction of the State Government of Louisiana by the present Federal Administration."

Senator Dwyer moved that the bill under consideration be postponed for twenty minutes.

Senator — moved that it be postponed for one hour. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Baker, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 788, "An act to incorporate the Houston, East and West Texas Railway Company, and to promote the construction of the railway," was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Baker, the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Ball, Baker, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Dillard, Davenport, Erath, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Shepard and Wood—20.

NAYS—Senator Bradshaw—1.

On motion of Senator Shepard, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 798, "An act supplemental to 'an act to authorize counties to raise means to pay their present indebtedness ;'" approved May 1st, 1874, was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Shepard, the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Wood, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 795, "An act to validate the appointment and acts of certain school directors of the county of Robertson, and to continue them in office," was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Wood, the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Joseph, the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 796, "An act to amend 'an act to organize and define the powers of the Criminal District Court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof,'" approved July 23, 1870, was taken up, read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Joseph, the rules were suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Erath, the rules were suspended,

and House bill No. 833, "An act supplemental to 'an act to incorporate the Red River and Rio Grande Railway Company, and to authorize the building of branches thereto, and to grant lands to aid in the construction thereof,'" was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Senator Erath, the rules were suspended and bill read second time.

Senator Baker offered the following amendment as an additional section: "Section —. That the road of this company shall commence at the terminus of the railway of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Company, at the city of Denison, and shall be built thence is as direct a line to the town of Whitesboro, in the county of Grayson, as will be practicable, and thence as specified in the original charter of the company, and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed." Adopted.

The bill, as amended, then passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Erath, the bill was read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of Senate bill No. 780, "An act making an appropriation for the *per diem* pay of members and the *per diem* pay of the officers and employees of the second session of the Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Texas."

Senator Westfall for Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report that they have examined and find correctly enrolled, Senate bill No. 656, "An act to create and provide for the organization of the county of Franklin," and have this 8th day of March, 1875, at 12 o'clock, M., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

WESTFALL, for Committee.

Senator Shepard, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared, and find correctly engrossed. Senate bill No. 749, "An act to make appropriations for



the support of the State government, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876."

SHEPARD, for Committee.

On motion of Senator Wood, the rules were suspended, and Senate bill No. 748, "An act to extend the time for the construction of works of internal improvement," was taken up and read second time, pending committee amendments.

Senator Bradshaw offered the following as an amendment to the amendment:

"*Provided*, That the Texas and Pacific Railway Company shall not demand, or be entitled to the privileges, rights and immunities granted by this act, unless the said company shall complete its road to the city of Fort Worth, in Tarrant county, by the first day of September, 1875."

Pending the amendment, the hour of one o'clock arrived, the time for the further consideration of "An act for the relief of the International Railroad Company, now consolidated with the 'Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company,' under the name of the 'International and Great Northern Railroad Company,'" it was taken up.

On motion of Senator Dwyer, the Senate reconsidered the vote adopting and incorporating as an amendment the amendment offered by Senator Russell, and said amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Shepard then offered the original amendment offered by Senator Dwyer.

Senator Friend offered as a substitute for the amendment offered by Senator Shepard, the original amendment offered by Senator Russell.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Ball, Bradshaw, Dillard, Davenport, Ellis, Friend and Shepard—8.

NAYS—Senators Baker, Burton, Camp, Dwyer, Erath, Flanagan, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Randle, Russell, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—18.

Senator Ireland offered the following as a substitute for the amendment offered by Senator Shepard: "*Provided*, this act shall not relieve said railroad company from its obligation to build said road to Laredo, as required in its original charter, except as to number of miles per annum, as herein provided."

Senator Flanagan moved to lay the amendment and substitute on the table.

Senator Shepard asked a division of the question. The substitute was then laid on the table. The amendment was then laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Baker, Burton, Camp, Dwyer, Erath, Flanagan, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Randle, Russell, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—17.

NAYS—Senators Allison, Ball, Bradshaw, Dillard, Davenport, Ellis, Friend, Hobby and Shepard—9.

Senator Dwyer moved the previous question. Previous question seconded.

On motion of Senator Westfall, Senator Parker was excused on account of sickness.

Senator Moore moved a call of the Senate: call sustained.

Absent—Senator Bradley.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the call was suspended.

The bill then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Baker, Burton, Camp, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Flanagan, Friend, Hobby, Ireland, Joseph, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Randle, Russell, Shepard, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—21.

NAYS—Senators Allison, Ball, Bradshaw, Dillard and Davenport—5.

Senator Flanagan moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Carried.

On motion of Senator Erath, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

#### ----- EVENING SESSION—3 P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present.

The pending business being the consideration of Senate bill No. 748, "An act to extend the time for the construction of works of internal improvement," pending committee amendments, and a further amendment thereto, offered by Senator Bradshaw, it was taken up.

On motion of Senator Ball, the pending bill and amendments were suspended for twenty minutes.

The next business in order being Senate joint resolution No. 452, "Providing for a constitutional convention to frame a constitution for the State of Texas," it was taken up.

Senator Allison moved a call of the Senate. Call sustained.

Absent—Senators Bradley, Dillard, Flanagan, Randle, Russell and Wood—6.

The Sergeant-at-arms was dispatched for absent Senators.

Senator Hobby moved a call of the Senate. Call sustained.

Senator Ireland moved a suspension of the rules to take up Senate bill No. 755, "An act to ascertain the deficiencies of the several departments of the State for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of August, A. D. 1875, and amounts due individuals, and to appropriate money to pay the same." Lost.

Senate bill No. 454, "An act to incorporate the Lamar University Association," was taken up pending an amendment by the House. The House amendment was concurred in.

Senate bill No. 676, "An act for the relief of the scholastic census takers for the years 1871, 1872 and 1873," was taken up pending an amendment by the House. The House amendment was concurred in.

Senator Ireland moved a suspension of the call. Lost.

Senate bill No. 570, "An act requiring a full and final settlement of the sheriffs of the State of all State and county taxes on the first day of May of each year," was taken up, pending an adverse report by the committee. The report of the committee was adopted, and the bill lost.

The time having arrived for the further consideration of Senate bill No. 748, "An act to extend the time for the construction of works of internal improvement," with pending amendments, it was taken up.

Pending discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Bradshaw, a message was received from the House announcing the passage of Senate bill No. 462, "An act to authorize the State Treasurer to appoint an additional clerk and fix his compensation." Also, the passage of Senate bill No. 686, "An act to amend section sixty-three of an act to amend 'an act prescribing the mode of proceeding in district courts in matters of probate,'" approved May 20, 1871.

Senator Shepard, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 798, "An act

supplemental to 'an act to authorize the several counties of this State to raise means to pay their present indebtedness,' approved May 1st, 1874. Senate bill No. 795, "An act to validate the appointment and acts of certain school directors of the county of Robertson, and to continue them in office." Senate bill No. 761, "An act to incorporate the Tehuacana Tramway Railroad Company, and aid in constructing the same, by granting land thereto," and find all of same correctly engrossed.

SHEPARD for Committee.

The absent Senators having returned, the Senate was announced as full.

Senate joint resolution No. 452, "Providing for a convention to frame a constitution for the State of Texas," with the House amendments thereto, and majority and minority reports on said House amendments, it was taken up.

Senator Wood moved that the Senate do not concur in House amendments.

Senator Dillard moved a division of the question, so as to vote on each one of the House amendments separately. Carried.

The first amendment was then read, and lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison, Baker, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Dwyer, Flanagan, Friend, Ireland, Ledbetter, Morris, Parker, Randle, Russell, Swift, Westfall and Wood—17.

NAYS.—Senators Ball, Bradshaw, Dillard, Davenport, Ellis, Erath, Hobby, Joseph, Moore, Shepard and Stirman—11.

Senator Joseph, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 753, "An act to incorporate the Central Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, and to grant lands to aid in the construction of its road," and find the same correctly engrossed.

JOSEPH, for Committee.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of House bill No. 725, "An act to amend section one of 'an act to authorize the city of Austin to become a

stockholder in any company or corporation, for the purpose of supplying said city with water or gas.'” Also, the passage of House bill No. 309, “An act to grant Annie E. Lynch the privilege of collecting tolls at a certain place, and fixing the rate thereof.”

Senator Joseph, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following reports :

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 804, “An act for the relief of the International Railroad Company, now consolidated with the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company, under the name of the International and Great Northern Railroad Company,” and find the same correctly engrossed.

JOSEPH, for Committee.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 788, “An act to incorporate the Houston, East and West Texas Railway Company, and to promote the construction of the railway,” and find the same correctly engrossed.

JOSEPH, for Committee.

The second House amendment was then read.

Senator Ball moved the previous question.

Previous question seconded.

The second amendment was then read, and the Senate refused to concur in the same, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Allison, Baker, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Flanagan, Ireland, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Stirman, Swift, Westfall and Wood—17.

NAYS—Senators Ball, Bradshaw, Dillard, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Erath, Friend, Hobby, Joseph and Shepard—11.

The third amendment of the House was then read, and the Senate refused to concur in same by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Allison Baker, Bradley, Burton, Camp, Dillard, Erath, Flanagan, Friend, Ireland, Ledbetter, Morris, Moore, Parker, Randle, Russell, Stirman, Westfall and Wood—19.

NAYS—Senators Ball, Bradshaw, Davenport, Dwyer, Ellis, Hobby, Joseph, Shepard and Swift—9.

Senator Randle, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report :

*Hon. R. R. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared, Senate bill No. 796, "An act to amend 'an act to organize and define the powers of the Criminal District Court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof,'" approved July 23, 1870, and find the same correctly engrossed.

ED. RANDLE, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Bradshaw, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

## FORTY-EIGHTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, March 9, 1875.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Senator Wood, Chairman Committee on Internal Improvements, submitted the following reports :

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Internal Improvements ask leave to report back to the Senate, House bill No. 724, "An act to incorporate the Longview and Texarkana Air Line Railroad Company," and recommend its passage.

WOOD, Chairman.

Senator Morris, for Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, submitted the following amendments :

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution No. 786, "Authorizing the appointee in charge of the public grounds to contract for a supply of water for the protection of the Capitol buildings and grounds," have duly considered the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

MORRIS, for Committee.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Public Grounds to whom was referred House bill No. 230, "An act providing for the pay-